
FOR THE YEAR 2007
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA
AUGUST 28, 2007

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 with Mark Leeds, Ron Wetherell, Dean Schmidt, Terry Graybill and Jeff Simonsen. Ken Ross of the *Chronicle Times* from the press and Bud Dilocker and Gary Bowers were also present.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the amended agenda to include Deputy Sheriff appointment, Three Rivers flex questions, and secondary roads payments on projects.

Lisa Langlitz, Community Services Director presented provider contracts for this fiscal year. MSP Leeds, Schmidt to authorize chairman sign a contract with Pathways Centers for services with no increase in rates. MSP Schmidt, Graybill to authorize chairman sign contract with Associates for Psychological & Therapy Services for Cherokee County with an increase of \$10.00 per hour for services.

Ginger Walker, County Conservation Director requested an opinion from the Supervisors regarding the County policy of employees either using the compensation time earned in a fiscal year or being paid out on June 30. Her department does not allow any comp time used in the busy summer months. Can the conservation employees follow the CCCB policy? This question will be given to the employment attorney for an opinion.

CCCB has a contract with a land owner in Spring Township for 80 acres to be developed into camping areas and horse riding trails to connect to and compliment the three miles of trails at Martin's Access. REAP funds grant of \$209,000.00 have been applied for to help with the purchase price. There is an estimate cost of \$150,000.00 to develop the property with campsites, additional horse trails, and modern restrooms. MSP Simonsen, Schmidt to approve a letter of support for the grant application, stating that Cherokee County will contribute a minimum of \$60,000.00 over three (3) years with money from the Betterment Fund.

Larry Clark, County Engineer requested that the Supervisors revisit the motion approved on July 24, 2007 to set the charges of \$150.00 for zoning changes. The last rezoning public hearing expenses were about \$170.00 exceeding the approved costs. MSP Schmidt, Graybill to increase the charges to County citizens who request a variance, or rezoning of their property to \$175.00. These charges will be reviewed in a year.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve Chairman sign the payment from the applicable Farm to Market account for projects STP-S-Co18(42)—5E-18, contract #24314 and STP-S-Co18-5E-18 contract #24315.

MSP Simonsen, Leeds to approve underground construction permits for High Tech Electric LLC "for Qwest" on Valley Road Section 3 & 10 of Cherokee Twp. And Extreme Trenching for Section 1 of Pilot Township.

MSP Leeds, Schmidt to approve County Engineer to contact party's involved with the road project on 480th Street and give them until September 11 2007 to act on the County's proposal or the project will be canceled and the money will be applied to another County project.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to authorize Michael McGee as full time Deputy Sheriff with a start date of September 4, 2007 at \$17.96 per hour.

MSP Graybill, Simonsen to approve a maximum monthly amount to allow employees to withhold for known medical flex plan of \$384.64, or \$5,000.00 per year; to allow a minimum monthly amount of \$41.67 or \$500.00 per year; and will allow the 2 ½ months run out of services for the full plan year. All bills and services must be turned into

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Three Rivers, administrator of the Flex Plan starting as of October 2007, with in 90 days of the end of the plan year.

Kris Glienke, County Financial Manager, met to discuss the missed assessments for the current tax year payable 07/08. There is a valuation decrease of \$5,738,792.00 because of court orders and missed exemptions for a total of \$167,540.00 dollar decrease on the tax roll. These decreases pose a problem to all taxing authorities because of anticipated revenue that will not be coming to them. Court ordered valuation decreases for next tax year payable 08/09 are already set for \$5,720,010.00 however these valuation can be adjusted by the Auditor's office when values are figured at the end of the year so taxing authorities will not be able to use that valuation.

MSP Schmidt, Simonsen to authorize chairman sign documentation for Medicare 855A that will terminate provider number.

MSP Graybill, Leeds to approve the adjusted claims list. A full listing can be seen in the County Auditor's office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Ronald Wetherell, Chairman

Attest: _____
Bonnie Ebel, County Auditor